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BRISTOL, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 1774.

Quest. 1. **W**HAT Preachers are *admitted* this Year?

A. Joseph Bradford, Samuel Randall, Wm. Dufston, Joseph Moore, George Shorter.

Q. 2. Who *remain on trial*?

A. William Eels, Thomas Rutherford, Robert Dall, Michael Morehouse, John Price, John M'Burney, John Watfon, *junr.* John Leech, ~~William Dufston~~.

Q. 3. Who are *admitted on trial*?

A. William Moore, ~~Francis Smith~~, William Tunney, Jeremiah Brettel, John Moon, Samuel Bradburn, Thomas Corbet, William Thom, James Rogers, ~~Arthur Kerstev~~, P. Miln, George Guthrie, Andrew Delap, John Whitley, Robert Howard.

Q. 4. Who *desist* from travelling?

A. Joseph Pillmoor, James Clough, John Murray, James Glasbrook.

Q. 5. Who act as *Assistants* this Year?

A. Daniel Bumsted, Alexander Mather,
John

John Easton, George Hudson, Francis Wolf, John Goodwin, John Murlin, James Hindmarsh, Richard Rodda, John Furz, Stephen Proctor, Thomas Dixon, Charles Boon, Thomas Hanby, John Shaw, William Collins, Thomas Hanson, John Mason, Christopher Hopper, Isaac Brown, Jeremiah Robertshaw, Samuel Woodcock, John Oliver, John Pawson, Thomas Lee, Thomas Taylor, Robert Costerdine, Jacob Rowell, William Hunter, Benjamin Rhodes, James Hudson, Duncan Wright, William Thompson, Joseph Benson, Thomas Rutharford, Robert Wilkinson, Joseph Thompson, Alexander M'Nab, John Bristol, Michael M'Donal, Barnabas Thomas, John Watson, Thomas Wride, John Pritchard, Richard Boardman, James Perfect, Thomas Rankin, Francis Asbury, George Shadford.

Q. 6. Are there any objections to any of our Preachers ?

A. Examine them one by one (which was done.)

Q. How are they stationed this Year ?

A. As follows :

(Joseph Bradford travels with Mr. Wesley.)

1. *London*, Daniel Bumsted, William Duf-ton, Arthur Kershaw, John Atlay, Peter Jaco.
2. *Kent*, Alexander Mather, Francis Smith.
3. *Suffex*, John Easton, James Wood.
4. *Norwich*,

4. *Norwich*, George Hudson, Thomas
Brisco, Samuel Randall,
William Moore.
5. *Bedfordshire*, Richard Burke, Joseph Har-
per.
6. *Oxfordshire*, Francis Wolf, James Moore,
William Tunney. 20
7. *Wills, South*, James Barry, John Undrell,
Thomas Westell.
8. *Wills, North*, John Goodwin, John Moon,
William Severn, William
Whitaker.
9. *Bristol*, John Murlin, Hugh Saun-
derson, James Cotty.
10. *Devon*, James Hindmarsh, George
Shorter.
11. *Cornwall, East*, Richard Rodda, Thomas
Newal, John Brettel. I G.
12. *Cornwall, West*, John Furz, Jonathan
Crowle, Richard Wright,
J. W. 40
13. *Pembrokeshire*, Thomas Dixon, Christopher
Watkins.
14. *Glamorgan*, Charles Boon, John Prichard.
15. *Brecon*, Stephen Proctor, Richard
Watcot.
16. *Glocestershire*, Thomas Hanby, Samuel
Wells.
17. *Staffordshire*, John Shaw, Edward Slater.
18. *Chester*, William Collins, Francis
Wrigley.

19. *Maxfield*, Thomas Hanson, John Poole,
William Percival.
20. *Manchester*, John Mason, Robert Roberts.
21. *Liverpoole*, Christopher Hopper, Samuel
Bradburn, John Morgan.
22. *Derbyshire*, Thomas Carlill, Isaac Brown,
Nicholas Manners, Robert
Howard.
23. *Lincolnshire, East*, Jeremiah Robertshaw,
William Thom, John Pea-
cock.
24. *Lincolnshire, West*, Samuel Woodcock, Jere-
miah Brettell, Thomas Cor-
bet.
25. *Sheffield*, John Oliver, Thomas Mit-
chell, Samuel Bardley.
26. *Leeds*, John Pawson, John Allen,
Samuel Smith.
27. *Birstal*, Thomas Lee, Parson Green-
wood, Thomas Johnson.
28. *Bradford*, Thomas Taylor, William
Brammah.
29. *Haworth*, Robert Costerdine, Richard
Seed, Robert Swan.
30. *Whitehaven*, Jacob Rowell, M. F.
31. *York*, William Hunter, George
Story.
32. *Hull*, Benjamin Rhodes, David
Evans, John Leech.
33. *Yarm*, James Hudson, Lancelot
Harrison.

34. *Thirsk*

34. *Thirsk*, Duncan Wright, James Rogers.
35. *The Dales*, Joseph Thompson, Robert Empringham, William Barker.
36. *Newcastle*, William Thompson, John Broadbent, George Wadsworth, Thomas Tennant.
37. *Edinburgh*, Joseph Benson, William Eels, John Bredin.
38. *Dundee*, Thomas Rutherford, Peter Milne, John Wittam.
39. *Aberdeen*, Robert Wilkinfon, James Watfon.
40. *Dublin*, Alexander M'Nab, William Horner.
41. *Waterford*, John Watfon, Senr. Andrew Delap.
42. *Cork*, John Bristol, George Snowdon.
43. *Limerick*, Michael M'Donald
44. *Athlone*, Thomas Wride, John Floyd, Jonathan Hern.
45. *Castlebar*, Barnabas Thomas, Michael Morehouse, T. H.
46. *Iniskillen*, John Watfon, Junr. John Price, George Guthry, John Christian.
47. *Londonderry*, Richard Boardman, Nehemiah Price.
48. *Armagh*, John Pritchard, John Whitley.
49. *Newry*, James Perfect, Thomas Payne, George Mowat, Richard Dall.
50. *America*,

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Thomas Rankin, Francis Ashbury, George Shadford, Robert Williams, John King, James Dempster, Martin Rodda.

Q.8. What numbers are in the society?

A. They are as follows:

London	2452	* Leeds	1860
* Suffex	218	Birstal	1190
* Kent	306	Bradford	930
Norfolk	525	Haworth	1213
Bedford	300	Whitehaven	299
Oxfordshire	501	York	520
* Wilts, South	330	Hull	645
Ditto, North	892	Yarm	} 880
Bristol	1404	Thirsk	
Devon	505	The Dales	1086
Cornwall, East	660	Newcastle	1784
Ditto, West	1482	Edinburgh	287
Glocestershire	431	* Aberdeen	448
Staffordshire	733	* Dublin	310
Cheshire, North	552	Waterford	204
Ditto, South	1202	Cork	317
* Wales, West	137	Limerick	178
Ditto, East	120	Castlebar	410
* Ditto, North	83	* Athlone	320
Lancashire, South	988	Iniskillen	937
Ditto, North	776	Armagh	500
Derbyshire	1065	Londonderry	433
* Sheffield	800	Newry	782
Lincolnshire, East	747	America	2204
Ditto, West	686		
		In all,	37142
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In the Circuits marked thus * there is a decrease this year.

Q. 9. What is the Kingswood Collection ?

A. 26ol. 16s.

Q. 10. What children are admitted ?

A. Charles Watcoat, James Greenwood.

Q. 11. What can be done, in order to pay for the cloaths of the Preacher's children ?

A. If their parents can pay for them, in whole or in part, they should: If they cannot, all is well.

Q. 12. Can nothing be done for their daughters ?

A. If any of them were sent to M. Owen's school, (perhaps the best Boarding-school for girls in Great-Britain) they would keep them at as small an expence as possible.

Q. 13. What is contributed for the yearly Expences ?

A. 587l. 12s. 5d.

Q. 14. How was it expended ?

A. As follows.

	l.	s.	d.		l.	s.	d.
Contingencies				Penzance	2	0	0
for 1774. 73	0	0		Cradley	5	0	0
Do. at Con-				Critch	5	0	0
ference 128	7	3		Haverfordw.	30	0	0
Chatham	10	0	0	Brecon	10	0	0
Sheerness	5	0	0	Leicester	2	2	0
Northampt.	20	0	0	Loughbro'	5	0	0
Worcester	20	0	0	Edinburgh	50	0	0
Mousethole	5	0	0	Bradford	20	10	0
				Rochdale			

Rochdale	10	0	0	Arbroth	20	0	0
Scarbro'	20	0	0	Glasgow	10	0	0
Boston	31	1	11	Reserv'd for			
Perth	4	0	0	the present			
Greenoch	12	0	0	year	71	9	3
				587 12 5			

Q. 15. What is contributed to the Preacher's Fund?

A. 65l. 8s. 6d.

Q. 16. What was allowed out of it?

A. The following.

	l.	s.	d.		l.	s.	d.
W Minethorp	5	0	0	J. Garnet	5	0	0
E. Standring	10	0	0	M. Nelson	5	0	0
E. Oldham	5	0	0	E. Dillon	2	2	0
M. Penington	5	0	0				
				37 5 0			

Q. 17. How many Preachers Wives are to be provided for?

A. Forty-three, (in effect.)

Q. 18. By what Societies?

A. By the following:

London,	S. Mather, Jaco.
Sussex,	S. Easton.
Wilts, North,	S. Whitaker, Wolf.
Bristol,	S. Christian, S. Bourke, S. Cotty($\frac{1}{2}$)
Devon,	S. Shorter.
Cornwall,	E. S Rodda.
Ditto W.	S. Barry, S. Hindmarsh, S. Crowle, ($\frac{1}{2}$)
Glocester,	S. Hanby.

Staffordsh.

<i>Staffordsh.</i>	S. Shaw.
<i>Chester,</i>	S. Collins.
<i>Maxfield,</i>	S. Poole.
<i>Derbysh.</i>	S. Brown, S. Barker.
<i>Manchester,</i>	S. Roberts, Story.
<i>Liverpool,</i>	S. Hopper, Morgan.
<i>Lincolnsh. E.</i>	S. Robertshaw, Peacock. W. S.
<i>Ditto, W.</i>	S. Woodcock, Brammah.
<i>Sheffield,</i>	S. Oliver.
<i>Leeds,</i>	S. Greenwood, Waldron, Westell.
<i>Birchall,</i>	S. Lee, Mitchell.
<i>Bradford,</i>	S. Taylor.
<i>York,</i>	S. Hunter, J. Thompson, ($\frac{1}{2}$).
<i>Hull,</i>	S. Evans,
<i>Haworth,</i>	S. Costerdine, Swan.
<i>Yarm,</i>	S. Harrison.
<i>Dales,</i>	S. Rowell, Empringham.
<i>Newcastle,</i>	S. Brisco, Thompson, Corbet.

Q. 19. When and where may the next Conference begin?

A. At Leeds, the first Tuesday in August.

Q. 20. Are not the Preachers who come to the Conference burdensom to the Societies in the way?

A. Frequently. To prevent this, 1. Let every preacher pay for his horse's keeping. 2. Let each of those Societies fix on an inn where the horses will be taken care of.

Q. 21. Do not some of the preachers neglect sending their Contribution to the Preachers Fund to the Conference?

A. They do. Each Assistant should see to bring

bring it from the Preachers in his Circuit. And every Assistant should take care to attend the Conference.

Likewise it is desired, that every Assistant would at Christmas take an exact account of the Books that are in his circuit, and remit that and the balance to London.

Q. 22. Are not the married preachers much straitened.

A. It seems, some of them are. Therefore,
1. Let every Preacher's Wife (except at London and Bristol) have 12l. a Year. 2. Every Circuit is to find her a Lodging, Coal and Candles; or to allow her fifteen pounds a Year.

Q. 23. We have still imperfect accounts of Scotland and Ireland. How can this be remedied?

A. Let the general Assistant of Scotland and Ireland, always attend the Conference.

Q. 24. What can be done, where we have no good Leader?

A. Let the Preacher constantly meet the Society as a Class.

Q. 25. Several are grieved at — —'s preaching up and down, tho' he has not strength regularly to supply a circuit. How can he remove this offence?

A. By following a route marked out by Mr. W. and preaching where the assistant of each circuit judges it would be most useful.

Q. Can any thing be done in order to lay a foundation for future union? Would it not be

be well, for any that are willing, to sign some articles of agreement, before God calls me hence?

A. We will do it. Accordingly the following paper was written and signed.

“ We whose names are under-written, being throughly convinced of the necessity of a close union between those whom God is pleased to use as instruments in this glorious work, in order to preserve this union between ourselves, are resolved, God being our helper.

1. To devote ourselves intirely to God; taking up our cross daily, steddily aiming at one thing, to save ourselves, and them that hear us.

2. To preach the old Methodist Doctrines, and no other, contained in the Minutes of the Conferences.

3. To observe and inforce the whole Methodist Discipline, laid down in the said Minutes.

Daniel Bumsted.

William Dufston

Alexander Mather

John Easton

George Hudson

John Atlay

Samuel Randall

Richard Bourke

Joseph Harper

Thomas Woolf

Joseph Moore

James Barry

John Goodwin

William Severn

William Whiteaker

John Murlin

Hugh Sanderson

J. Cotty

Thomas Simpson

James Hindmarsh

George Shorter

Richard Rodda

Thomas

Thomas Newall
 John Brettell
 Stephen Proctor
 Richard Whatcoat
 Thomas Hanby
 Samuel Wells
 John Shaw
 William Collins
 Robert Swindells
 Francis Wrigley
 Thomas Hanson
 John Poole
 John Mason
 Thomas Carlill
 Isaac Brown
 Jeremiah Robertshaw
 Thomas Mitchell
 Samuel Bardsley
 John Pawson
 John Allen
 Samuel Smith
 Joseph Bradford
 Thomas Lee
 Parson Greenwood
 Thomas Johnson

Thomas Taylor
 William Hunter
 Benjamin Rhodes
 James Hudson
 Dun. Wright
 William Barker
 Robert Wilkinson
 Samuel Woodcock
 James Dempster
 Thomas Olivers
 John Oliver
 Thomas Briscoe
 John Morgan
 William Thompson
 Joseph Thompson
 William Eels
 Thomas Payne
 John Bristol
 David Evans
 Lancelot Harrison
 John Pritchard
 William Brammah
 James Clough
 John Broadbent
 Thomas Tennant.

